

Lancashire Archive Service consultation 2016



This consultation can be completed online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay. However, if you would prefer to complete a paper copy then: 1. Please read the instructions carefully and use blue or black pen to fill in the questionnaire. 2. Please check you have answered all the appropriate questions. 3. Return your completed questionnaire to Lancashire Archives, or mail it to 'Have your say, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD'.

The county council continues to face an unprecedented financial challenge. Over the next five years to 2020/21 the council needs to make savings of £262m on top of those agreed within previous budget processes. This extremely difficult financial picture is the result of continued cuts in funding by Government, rising costs and rising demand for key services.

Based on current spending and forecast demand for services, the council will not have sufficient financial resources to meet its statutory obligations by April 2018, even if we no longer continue to deliver any of the non-statutory services. The council will need to rely heavily on reserves in order to set a balanced budget for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Lancashire Archives collects unique, historic records that reflect Lancashire and Lancashire life, past and present. The service is committed to ensuring that these historic records are accessible to the people of Lancashire now and for generations to come. However, the Archive Service must operate with a significant reduction of 33% to its current overall budget.

In order to meet these budget challenges we are proposing to change the hours the service will be open to the public. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire to ensure your views are taken into account.

Proposed change to opening times

The Archive Service is currently open for 42.5 hours each week, plus an additional 6 hours on one Saturday each month.

The opening times are:

Monday	9.00-5.00
Tuesday	9.00-8.30
Wednesday	9.00-5.00
Thursday	10.00-5.00
Friday	9.00-5.00
2nd Saturday of each month	10.00-4.00

The Archive Service is proposing to open for 30 hours each week, plus 6 hours on one Saturday each month.

The proposed opening times are:

Monday	Archives closed; building open 10.00-4.00 for use of microform and computers only;
Tuesday	9.00-4.30
Wednesday	9.00-4.30
Thursday	9.00-4.30
Friday	9.00-4.30
2nd Saturday of each month	10.00-4.00

1**When, if ever, have you visited the Archive Service?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

In the last
6 monthsIn the last
12 monthsIn the last
2 yearsLonger than
2 years ago

Never

2**How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to the Archive Service's opening times?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Strongly
agreeTend to
agreeTend to
disagreeStrongly
disagree**3****If you'd like to provide any comments about this proposal please write them in the box below.****About you**

To ensure that we meet the needs of all residents, it is important that we ask you a few questions about yourself. As with all the questions your answers will be completely confidential. However, if you do not wish to answer a question, please leave it blank and go on to the next one.

4**Are you...?**

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

A Lancashire resident

An employee of Lancashire
County CouncilAn elected member of
Lancashire County CouncilAn elected member of a
Lancashire district councilAn elected member of a parish
or town council in Lancashire

A local business owner

A member of the Archive
Service friends groupA member of a voluntary or
community organisation

Other (please write in)

5**Are you...?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Male

Female

6**Have you ever identified as transgender? Transgender is someone who lives, or wants to live, fulltime in the gender opposite to that they were assigned at birth.**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

7**What was your age on your last birthday?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Under 16

16-19

20-34

35-49

50-64

65-74

75+

8**Are you a deaf person or do you have a disability?****The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes

No

9**Are there any children or young people in your household aged under 20?**

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

No, but expecting

Yes, aged under 5

Yes, aged 5-8

Yes, aged 9-11

Yes, aged 12-16

Yes, aged 17-19

No children aged under 20

10**Are there any young people with a disability in your household aged 20-25?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Yes

No

11**Are you in a marriage or civil partnership?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Marriage

Civil partnership

Prefer not to say

None of these

12**How would you describe your sexual orientation?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

Straight (heterosexual) Bisexual Gay man Lesbian/gay woman Other Prefer not to say **13****What is your religion?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

No religion Christian (including CofE,
Catholic, Protestant and all
other denominations) Buddhist Hindu Jewish Muslim Sikh Any other religion **14****Which best describes your ethnic background?**

PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION ONLY

WhiteEnglish/Welsh/Scottish/Northern
Irish/British Irish Gypsy or Irish Traveller Any other white background **Black or Black British**Caribbean African **Other**Arab

Any other ethnic group (write in below)

Asian or Asian BritishIndian Pakistani Bangladeshi Chinese **Mixed**White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian **15****What is your postcode?**

PLEASE WRITE IN

Thank you for taking part.

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